

Dr. Witherspoon has been a remarkable Superintendent for 16 years and has been honored throughout his career for his educational leadership. I have appreciated our many collaborations and close working relationship. He will leave behind a legacy of success and achievement and will be missed.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN ANN  
CARLSON FOR BEING INDUCTED  
INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA  
LABOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kathleen Ann Carlson for her induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor

Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of service and devotion to the public good, Kathleen has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan.

The U.P. Labor Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize unionists who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of worker dignity and workplace fairness. With a lifetime of service to her community in healthcare and local labor groups, Kathleen is very deserving of this honor.

Kathleen was born in Iron River, Michigan, on September 19, 1960, and was the youngest of four children. After starting a family, she returned to work in 1985 and was hired by the Marquette County Health Department in the Accounting Department of Administrative Services. Her experience there inspired her to join her American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local as a

steward, then Treasurer, and eventually the first female President.

During her involvement with AFSCME, Kathleen successfully advocated for and helped give a voice to workers across the Upper Peninsula. Over the years, she went on to serve in multiple positions in different local union organizations such as U.P. Labor Management Council delegate, AFSCME Staff Representative, a transition team member for the Marquette County Labor Council, and many more.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kathleen Ann Carlson for her induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. This great honor reflects a lifetime of service towards the rights and well-being of fellow workers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.